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SEPTEMBER 2010

West Bountiful INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

This year's celebration started out with a bang as we listened and danced to the band of "Endless Summer" and watched the sky blaze with a beautiful firework display from Lantis. Thank You Holly Corp for your dedication to providing this spectacular event for our citizens to enjoy.

Saturday's events began with a wonderful parade which had the special features of the Call Out Parade from the Shriner's and a beautiful float from the West Bountiful Stake. Thanks to the many businesses and individuals who participated in making this a wonderful event. The celebration would not be complete without the park activities, contests, and an added feature of horse and buggy rides, old fashion pictures, and lots of fun provided free from the WB Arts Council. The candy cannon added a special "bang" to things.

Special Thanks to Terry Olsen and Susan Ward for heading up the committees that made this event one of the best ever and all the volunteers who served with them.



West Bountiful Stake "Days of 47"
Entry

- **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST**
- **Opt Out Offer Deadline is Aug 31st**
- **Pick Up for Recycling is every other week**
- **Review items that qualify for recycling**

RECYCLING UPDATE

We are getting used to the new recycling service. The containers look great and we've had so many positive responses regarding how many things can go in the cans. In fact, it seems that the recycle can fills up first before the regular garbage can.

A couple of quick reminders, the recycling pick up is every other week and started on July 12th and 13th. If you are interested in a second recycling container (we have had folks ask for them) there are some available. The second recycle container is the same cost monthly as the first container, currently this is \$5.00 a month for each one.

After the final opt-out opportunity (see IMPORTANT NOTE below) we will review the program to determine if we are able to lower the rates. Our original estimates were that we can lower the rate to \$4.50 a month per can if we have more than 80% participation city wide. Technically, having

more than one recycle container counts as additional participation.

Please remember to review the items that qualify for recycling and refrain from putting regular waste into the recycle containers.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The recycling program is a standard service of the City. As a courtesy to existing property owners, we have allowed an opt-out period. Once a property transfers ownership (is sold) the property is subject to the recycling service without exception. **The final opt-out program ends on Friday, August 31st.**

CRAIG'S CORNER - The Bottom Line!

We have been working very hard to address many issues that have been and continue to face us as a City. We have had to deal with critical financial shortfalls and setbacks. We have begun to address infrastructure. There are always many things in front of us.

In this newsletter I wish to begin to lay out our long term plans. We are now on our way to recovery, and are moving beyond only dealing with short term crisis management to long term sustainable efforts. I think of these things as the bottom line. Here are a few that you will see addressed in this edition of our newsletter.



LONG TERM PLANS

Water Infrastructure – Please refer to “A Tale of Two Hydrants” as an example of our ongoing experience. We are very pleased to report that we are beginning to accumulate

funds to repair water lines as we promised during our Public Meetings. We are holding these reserves until we have sufficient for emergency repairs (a major street meltdown). Then we will begin to systematically work over the greatest needs.

Street Infrastructure – Please refer to “Slurry Seal coming to a neighborhood near you” for a general schedule of work this summer. We have performed Crack Sealing on the roads that may most benefit from it this past month. In August, we plan to begin Slurry Sealing several roads to extend their lives. We remain on the list for federal funding to rebuild 400 N from 800 W to 1100 W. We have not been given an exact timeframe, but believe that it will occur between 2013 and 2015. The 400 N rebuild will include Storm Drain, Street, Curb, Gutter, Sidewalks and City funded Water Line.

Parks – Please refer to “Our Parks and Trails a Good RAP” for an update on these plans. We have begun to spruce up our big park. The Bathrooms and Small Boweries have been repainted. The old coarse sand in the toy pit and the volley ball pit has been removed and replaced with bark in the toy pit and fine sand in the volley ball pit. The benches at the volley ball pit have been repaired and repainted.

Street Lights – Please refer to “We’ve seen the light and it is good!” We have received grant money to help become more energy efficient!

I am pleased with our progress. We are moving beyond commiserating about long standing issues and rolling up our sleeves to go to work. West Bountiful is a great community with great people. We are eager to see these improvements to provide for increased health, safety and security of our families.

WE’VE SEEN THE LIGHT AND IT IS GOOD!

Recently we applied for a grant to see what opportunities there may be to save energy (specifically electricity) throughout the City. We have received just under \$80,000 of which, \$10,000 may be used for an energy audit. The remaining money will be used to upgrade our street lights to new LED lights.

Our older lights cost as much as \$13.50 a month each in electrical costs with our annual street light budget approaching \$60,000. The new LED lights have the potential of requiring only about \$3.00 a month each in electrical costs. This grant will allow us to replace about one-half of our existing street lights. The savings may help us replace more street lights and effect a permanent reduction in energy costs. We anticipate that this will ultimately be another area where we can reign in escalating costs and contribute to a more efficient bottom line.

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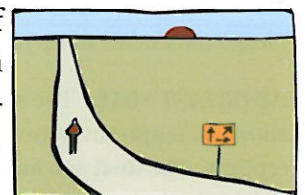
Slurry Seal - Coming to a neighborhood near you! It is planned to occur from Sept. 20th to 24th.

This summer we have several slurry seal projects for our streets. Slurry sealing will require that the streets be vacated for a day or two. It has the appearance of being “painted” with tar which is close to fact. Slurry Seals can extend the life of good streets by 7 to 10 years for each

application. Using crack sealing and slurry sealing delays the need for overlays on streets. Properly maintained we should be able to have our new streets last 60 or 70 years.

We have examples of streets that are dead after 30 years. Our

goal is to prevent good streets from going bad and work to replace the dead streets as soon as we can. These are “bottom line” projects that will save us literally millions of dollars in future indebtedness.



MEET with the KNOT HEADS

Our crochet/knit group has been going full steam ahead this summer. Hot pads, afghans, doll bassinets, and scarves are just some of the items being made. **This group is open to ALL of you who are in 5th grade and older. We would love more boys/men and adult women! This group is free**, just bring your supplies. Beginners will get the help they need to start, and those that are experienced can come and work on their projects. We will be working on a group service project after the Christmas gifts have been stitched. Details will be coming later. **Once school starts we will be meeting twice a month. We will be meeting at the west entrance of the City Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Class will be held from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.** The youth have a great opportunity to display their work at the City Hall in May, so get stitchin'! **If you have any questions please contact Tiffany Allen - 801-298-8476.**

WANTED

Dutch Oven Enthusiasts

Join us for West Bountiful's

First Dutch Oven Cook Off

Friday September 10th

The Cook Off will be part of the

Founder's Day Celebration

Don't Hold Back on your Culinary Skills

Contact Irene Hester

at HesterIH@deserettrust.com

September 10th & 11th – Founder's Day and 5k Run

Featuring the "Muddy Gutter Boys"

With Rob Ellis; Bass, Bruce Kizerian; Guitar and Mike Willey; Banjo

Bowery Park Behind City Hall

FREE FOOD, FUN, FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

The 5K run is on schedule for Saturday September 11th. As this is a day that is remembered with sadness for Americans we hope to take a moment to remember those in the community who have given so much and hope to do so before the race.

REGISTER AT <http://www.ionicinnovations.com/trudi/index.php>

For information contact Mike/Valerie Thomas 801-295-5701

All the money collected goes to a scholarship fund at the University of Utah set up in memory of Trudi Thomas a 30 year old resident of West Bountiful who was hit and killed outside City Hall January 2007.

Concert Scheduled for October 8th– "Best of the West"

Cowboy Poetry– Kim McKean, Von Hill–Poetry and Sherrie Hutching's Western Singing along with Peter Unwin and **"Last Chance Band"** Country Western Band. Featured Artist will be the Paintings of Becky Hartvigsen. **AN EVENING YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**

The above activities are sponsored by the

WEST BOUNTIFUL CITY ARTS COUNCIL

A Tale of Two Hydrants

The Public Services Department has been systematically replacing old fire hydrants throughout the City. We determined that we needed to replace a couple of hydrants on Pages Lane and particularly one just south of the cul-de-sac west of the City Park. The old hydrants were manufactured in 1947 and we were concerned about their ability to perform "on demand". The street was evaluated and there were valves conveniently located on each end to isolate the hydrants to be replaced. We delivered shut off letters to the affected households, about a dozen homes, the evening before.

Unfortunately, the valves didn't work and would not shut off, worse yet they leaked. By the time we found valves that would not leak over 200 households had been affected and six valves continued to leak. Eventually we were able to accomplish the replacement of the new hydrants and restore service that evening. Of the six leaky valves, five eventually sealed themselves. The remaining valve leaked for a couple of weeks. Finally, we had to expend thousands of dollars to dig it up, repair it and repave the road.

Our Parks and Trails a Good RAP!

We have been working on improvements to our City Park. The toy area and Volley ball pits have been improved. The small boweries repainted and several little items addressed.

Because of the RAP tax, we now have funding to make some major improvements to the Park. The Parks and Trails committee is being revitalized and will be working on additional improvements to possibly include a new configuration in the swings area to include a large new toy for older children, additional work around the Volley ball pit, and improvements to the main bowery.



We also have been seeking funding to extend the trail along the DSB canal from 800 W to the Legacy Parkway Trail. The application is in process and has passed the first level of review.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Another School Year Beginning for the Students in West Bountiful.

When West Bountiful Elementary School was finished in 1892, there were several grades of school in each classroom. For many years there were four teachers and eight grades of school. There was a soup kitchen and a dining room upstairs. West Bountiful was changing and many families were building homes and moving in. Soon a complete elementary with eight grades and eight teachers was needed. The following was taken from an article in the Davis County Clipper, February 3, 1978:

"Kate Anderson, 87, remembers the old white school house, with three rooms—one for the smaller students, one for the middle ones and one for the higher grades. Both of her children attended the school where she remembers writing on slates, spelling bees and furnishing one's own books.

Del Noble remembers going through the eight grades and doing all the normal things for "boys" his age. He has had two of his children and four of his grandchildren at the school.

Celia Merrell, who attended the old school, remembers that the bigger boys tried to frighten her as they ran toward her with their horses. Her grandchildren are excited with their school work.

Leland Smith, who was born in the home in which he now lives, very tenderly guards the picture of his classmates. He, too, is proud of the new additions at the school.

Dan Mitchell, whose grandfather, Edward Hunter Mitchell, was school trustee in the olden days, is glad to see the progress of the school. He and eight of his children have gotten "their early larnin' there."

Nearly 120 years have passed since the doors of West Bountiful Elementary opened with many generations of West Bountiful families attending there.

Those were the days! (West Bountiful A Pictorial History)

If you are interested in sending a historical publication of West Bountiful contact Cynthia Hopkinson

Did You Know?

The property tax rate is set by the county each June

PROPERTY TAXES ARE NOT ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

The rate is set such that the City is limited to last year's property tax revenue plus revenue from new development.

WHEN HOME VALUES INCREASE, THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE DECREASES SO THAT THE CITY DOES NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE (CONSIDERED A WINDFALL).

The amount you pay in property taxes will fluctuate up or down based on the relation of your property's assessed value to the total assessed value of all properties within the city.

FROM 2009 TO 2010:

69% OF ALL WEST BOUNTIFUL PARCELS REMAINED THE SAME OR DECREASED IN VALUE

22% OF PARCELS HAD A MODEST INCREASE IN VALUE (LESS THAN 10%)

9% OF PARCELS HAD A MODERATE INCREASE IN VALUE (GREATER THAN 10%)

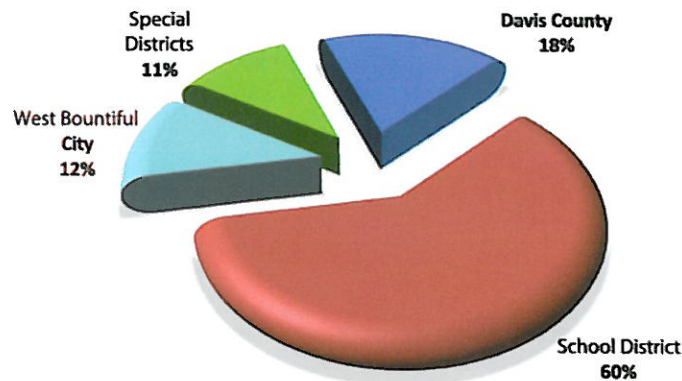
"Truth in Taxation" means that the City is required to go through a public process to request additional property tax revenue.

West Bountiful City has not raised property taxes since 1972

West Bountiful City Property Tax Primer

On June 15th, 2010, the West Bountiful City Council adopted the 2011 Certified Tax Rate as part of the annual budgetary process. As council reviewed the rate provided to us by the Davis County Assessor's office, several questions were raised about the annual process.

First and foremost, it is important to understand your tax bill, which is divided into multiple levy's or assessments for the City, County, School District, and Special Service Districts (e.g., Mosquito Abatement, County Library, Recreation District). Using 2009 Tax Rates, the below chart indicates the percent of total property tax levied by the various agencies.



For Example:

Using the 2009 tax rate, and an assessed value of \$200,000, your annual property tax payment would be roughly \$1307, distributed as follows:

SPECIAL DISTRICTS	\$140
WEST BOUNTIFUL	\$152
DAVIS COUNTY	\$232
SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$783

WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO ?

The annual amount you pay in property taxes covers only a handful of city services. Steady revenues from sales tax, franchise tax, and other sources are required to maintain basic service levels. For Fiscal Year 2011, these basic services include:

Fire Protection \$308,000	Police Protection \$879,235	Street Lights \$60,600
Parks Maintenance \$124,990	Snow Removal \$22,500	Animal Control \$14,000

Image courtesy of the Utah League of Cities and Towns



West Bountiful City Fall Cleanup 2010

The city will be conducting the **FALL Cleanup Monday, October 4th, thru Saturday, October 9th 2010**. The cleanup will be done with large bins in the City Park. Residents of West Bountiful will be allowed to dispose of yard waste and miscellaneous cleanup material from their primary place of residence. See *** below special note!

Please do not attempt to deposit any of the following materials as they will not be accepted!

Lead products	Hazardous waste of any kind waste
Wood larger than 2'x2'x5'	Chemical explosives
Lumber longer than 6'	Whole Televisions
Chemicals material	Barbed Wire
Paint	Explosives of any kind
Commercial Waste	Powdered or liquid
Animal Remains	Radioactive material
Refrigerators or air conditioners w/Freon	Tires

Please separate yard waste from other materials.

Yard waste and cleanup materials can be deposited in the following locations:

Site: West Bountiful City Park - (Bins only)

Dates: Monday October, 4th thru Saturday October 9th, 2010

Time: Monday thru Friday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday October 11th - 8:00 a.m. until bins are full

Bins will be barricaded after hours.

DO NOT LEAVE TRASH AT BARRICADES.

Cost: No Charge!

Other: **Driver's license will be checked to verify residency.**

Scrap metal bin will be available for unwanted metal items.

When using the bins at the City Park, please follow instructions given by attendants. **Under no circumstances should you leave trash outside the bins or deposit-prohibited materials.** This has been a problem in the past and continued abuse may force the cancellation of the program. Where possible we encourage you to haul extra material to the Wasatch Energy Recovery Facility in Layton. Wasatch Energy will also take hazardous material.

We will stop dumping on Saturday October 11st 2010 when the bins are full!

No matter what time it is

*****All Green Waste can be taken to the Bountiful Landfill year round when they are open!**

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West Bountiful Public Meetings

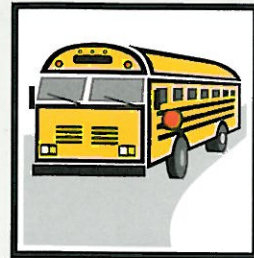
City Council meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30 p.m. A 2 minute Public Comment time is allowed at the beginning of each meeting.

Planning Commission meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. as needed.

We extend an invitation to any citizen who would like to participate in the meeting by offering an invocation/thought.

Contact Heidi Voordeckers @ 801-292-4486

**PLEASE
WATCH
FOR
CHILDREN**



**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

WB Parks & Trails
Committee

**Are in
Full "Swing"**

Making Plans to use

The RAP Tax \$\$\$

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West Bountiful Police Department

WHAT DO I DO WITH VALUABLE LOST PROPERTY? HOW CAN YOU REALLY ASSIST YOUR POLICE?

Q: I was walking through the park, church parking lot, grocery store, etc. and I found a wallet/purse/checkbook/wedding ring on the ground. What should I do with property that is NOT mine?

A: We have a great return rate in locating the owners of the property. PLEASE, if you run into found property, turn it into the police department. As the 'reporter' if YOU would like the property back to you (if not claimed) you can ask for that to happen. The waiting period is 99 days.

THIS MONTH'S HELP FROM THE

COMMUNITY: We are having some great difficulty in finding your house when you call in the evening. It would be a terrible disservice to not get to your house if you were in need of police/fire or medical services.

What do I need to do? MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSE ADDRESS IS VISIBLE IN THE DAY AND THE NIGHT TIME HOURS. If it is sprayed on the curb, remember the snow will cover it up in the winter.

If it is on your front porch – LIGHT IT UP. We do want to find you in a timely manner just in case you might need FAST service to your residence.



Make
sure
your
House
Address
is Visible
both Day
and Night